Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Hyderabad and New Delhi. The existing Calcutta office caters to the States in the North Eastern Region, apart from Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. Taking into account the number of films produced in the North Eastern Region, Government do not consider it necessary to set up a separate regional office of the Board at Guwahati at this stage.

Special criteria for telecasting regional pictures by the Doordarshan

2526. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special criteria for telecasting regional films by the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A regional feature film in order to be eligible for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan on Sunday is required to satisfy any of the following criteria:

I. Awards won in National Film Festivals:

(a) Award for the Best or second Best Feature Film of the year (in all languages combined).

(b) The Indira Gandhi Award for Best first film of a Director.

(c) Award for best film providing popular and wholesome entertainment.

(d) The Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration.

(e) Best film on Family Welfare.

(f) Best film on other social issues such as prohibition, women and child welfare, anti-dowry, drug abuse, etc.

(g) President's Award of 'Rajat Kamal' for the Best Feature Film in a regional language.

II. Other criteria

(a) Entry in the Indian Panorama/Mainstream Sections of any International Film Festival of India/ Filmotsav.

(b) Films which have celebrated Silver Jubilee (having run continuously for 25 weeks) and carry a 'U' certificate.

Installing of R.L.U. at Cumballa Hill, Peddar Road Bombay

2527. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1463 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) the reasons for not installing 8000 line capacity Romote Line Unit in the year 1989-90 at Cumballa Hill, Peddar Road Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Second Unit of R.L.U. which was to be installed in this financial year will also be delayed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the R.L.U. instead of serving only Peddar Road area a decided earlier will now serve only '86' Cumdevi Exchange Area;

(d) the reasons for delay of installing the R.L.Us and extending the facility to "36" Exchange instead of a fixed area; and

(e) by when the 18000 line New Electronic Exchange at Cumballa Hill is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The installation of the RLU planned for Cumballa Hill has not been dropped but its physical location has been shifted to Gamdevi Exchange building. It would still continue to serve the areas for which it

was originally intended. The shifting of the location of the RLU has been decided with a view to avoiding problems during the construction of the multi storeyed building planned at Cumballa Hill.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The RLU was not intended to serve the Peddar Road Area only. This was intended to take over part of the Gamdevi Area which includes Peddar Road.

(d) The question does not arise in view of replies to parts (a), (b) and (c) above.

(e) New Electronic Exchange at Cumballa Hill is likely to be commissioned during 1995-96.

Demand from subscribers to get number from New Electronic Exchange

2528. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bombay city the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Bombay in numerous Exchange Areas have old Exchange and New Electronic Exchange serving subscribers in the same area;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand from subscribers to get numbers from the New Electronic Exchanges;

(c) whether it is a fact that frequently requests are received by MTNL for change of numbers to the New Electronic Exchanges;

(d) whether the Nigam has received complaints that the numbers are changed for monetary consideration;

(e) what are the basis for allotment of numbers of Electronic Exchanges to new subscribers or old subseribers; and

(f) what concrete steps are being taken to stop this malpractice in Bombay City.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Some requests have been received.

(d) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received.

(e) The following criteria are normally adopted for allotment of electronic exchange numbers to new and old subscribers:

(i) Some areas/buildings are earmarked as 100 per cent electronic areas and all subscribers in these areas get electronic exchange numbers.

(ii) subscribers of Public importance like hospitals, police stations, Railway stations, Govt. Offices etc. are allotted electronic exchange numbers subject to availability.

(iii) Private subscribers having high calling rate on STD are allotted electronic exchange numbers subject to availability.

(f) The powers for change of non-electronic exchange numbers to electronic exchange numbers have been withdrawn from junior officers and vested only with senior officers to avoid malpractices.

Premises of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Bombay

2529. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Bombay City at Ghatkopar (East) at Hingwala Lane there is a premises of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that MTNL has shortage of space;